

**Table 1. Number, median days, incidence rate<sup>1</sup> and relative standard errors of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work<sup>2</sup> involving musculoskeletal disorders<sup>3</sup> by selected natures of injury or illness, California, 2001**

Nature		Number	Median days away from work	Incidence rate	Relative standard error
Total		52,136	11	48.4	2.7
02	Traumatic injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments, joints, etc.	39,251	10	36.4	2.8
021	Sprains, strains, tears	39,251	10	36.4	2.8
09	Other traumatic injuries and disorders	5,096	8	4.7	4.8
097	Nonspecified injuries and disorders	5,096	8	4.7	4.8
0972	Back pain, hurt back	3,537	7	3.3	5.5
0973	Soreness, pain, hurt, except the back	1,559	16	1.5	7.9
12	Nervous system and sense organs diseases	2,172	54	2.0	6.8
124	Disorders of the peripheral nervous system	2,172	54	2.0	6.8
1241	Carpal tunnel syndrome	2,172	54	2.0	6.8
15	Digestive system diseases and disorders	1,895	30	1.8	7.2
153	Hernia	1,895	30	1.8	7.2
1530	Hernia, unspecified	1,560	30	1.5	7.9
1531	Inguinal hernia	243	28	0.2	19.2
1532	Hiatal hernia	--	--	--	--
1533	Ventral hernia	--	--	--	--
1539	Hernia, n.e.c.	83	26	0.1	32.9
17	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders	3,722	21	3.5	5.4
170	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, unspecified	--	--	--	--
171	Arthropathies and related disorders (arthritis)	--	--	--	--
172	Dorsopathies	152	21	0.1	24.2
1721	Sciatica	--	--	--	--
1723	Disc disorders, except dislocation	--	--	--	--
1729	Dorsopathies, n.e.c.	108	10	0.1	28.7
173	Rheumatism, except the back	3,457	21	3.2	5.6
1730	Rheumatism, except the back, unspecified	521	47	0.5	13.3
1731	Bursitis	--	--	--	--
1732	Synovitis	--	--	--	--
1733	Tendonitis	2,030	12	1.9	7.0
1734	Tenosynovitis	97	37	0.1	30.3
1735	Ganglion/cystic tumor	100	22	0.1	29.8
1739	Rheumatism, except the back, n.e.c.	661	30	0.6	11.8
174	Osteopathies, chondropathies, acquired deformities	--	--	--	--
1749	Osteopathies, chondropathies, acquired deformities, n.e.c.	--	--	--	--
179	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, n.e.c.	--	--	--	--

<sup>1</sup> Incidence rates represent the number of injuries and illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers and were calculated as: (N / EH) X 20,000,000 where,

N = number of injuries and illnesses,  
EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year,  
20,000,000 = base for 10,000 full-time equivalent workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year).

<sup>2</sup> Days away from work include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

<sup>3</sup> Includes cases where the nature of injury is: sprains, strains, tears; back pain, hurt back; soreness, pain, hurt, except back; carpal tunnel syndrome; hernia; or musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders and when the event or exposure leading to the injury or illness is: bodily reaction/bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; overexertion; or repetition. Cases of Raynaud's phenomenon, tarsal tunnel syndrome, and herniated spinal discs are not included. Although these cases may be considered MSD's, the survey classifies these cases in categories that also include non-MSD cases.

NOTE: Dashes indicate data that do not meet publication guidelines or data for incidence rates less than .05 per 10,000 full-time workers. The scientifically selected probability sample used was one of many possible samples, each of which could have produced different estimates. A measure of sampling variability for each estimate is available upon request.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, July 08, 2003